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one of our own returns

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To love my people shouldn't imply I hate others ...

(AUTHOR UNKNOWN)

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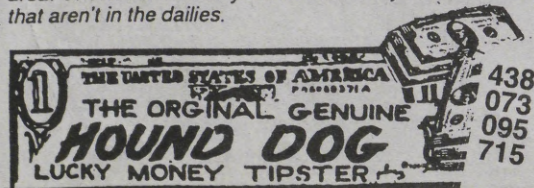
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## ON the LIGHTER Side...

In the spirit of having a good laugh at ourselves, our editor recently returned from a whirlwind tour of the Mid-West and environs, where among the many sights and sounds observed were the following items obtained from various church bulletins:

*"This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Brown to come forward and lay an egg on the altar."*

*"The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind and they can be seen in the church basement on Friday afternoon."*

*"On Sunday, a special collection will be taken to defray expenses of the new carpet. All wishing to do something on the carpet, please come forward and get a piece of paper."*

*"This afternoon there will be meetings in the North and South ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends."*

*"The service will close with 'little drops of water'. One of the men will start quietly and the rest of the congregation will join in."*

*"Wednesday, the Ladies Literary Society will meet. Mrs. Johnson will sing 'Put Me In My Little Bed', accompanied by the pastor."*

*"Thursday at 5:00 P.M., there will be a meeting of The Little Mothers Club. All wishing to become Little Mothers will please meet with the minister in his study."*

*"Tuesday at 4:00 P.M., there will be an Ice Cream Social. All ladies giving milk, please come early."*

Well, that's it! Hope you laughed a lot, as much as we did!



# POLLY TICKS



This column – which is exclusive to *The Black Mirror News* will bring the “truth” to our community when others “lie.”

## NEWARK – The Real Deal

Those who argue that the ongoing “Newark Renaissance” is focused too much on the downtown area and is not reaching the neighborhoods are wrong. New housing starts in the city of Newark are at an all-time high – in every ward of the city. The Sharpe James administration has provided more incentives to private developers as well as nonprofit developers, such as The New Community Corp, the United Community Corp., and numerous church affiliated organizations than any administration in the city’s 165 year history.

What many taxpaying residents find extremely frustrating is the fact that too many of those who have benefited from the unparalleled housing construction boom in Newark, have seen fit not to appreciate or take care of the new townhouse in which they now reside.

The mayor and members of the Newark City Council find themselves in a “catch-22” situation, they understand the obligation and need to provide low/moderate income housing for thousands of Newark residents who are in need of affordable housing, and they have made enormous progress in doing that, however, they nor anyone else have come up with a solution to dealing with those townhouse residents who are destroying their “new” homes and communities as fast as they’re built.

Mayor James, while appreciative of the invaluable assistance provided to Newark, by the U.S.

Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) protests the very regulations imposed upon Newark and other cities, are contributing to the “build and destroy” problem.

Too many of our “new communities” are populated by an unusually large number of post-teenage single mothers who “split-off” from their mother’s lease. This is where the problem starts. Until HUD revises the “split-off” requirement those same problems that we read about every day, will continue to plague our “new communities”. The issue of drug addiction and dealing are a national problem and by no means is it limited to Newark. There is no easy solution or quick-fix for the drug problem in Newark or any city.

The very same elected-officials and community leaders who complain about drug-related activity in their neighborhood are the first to condemn the police for using “unnecessary force” in breaking-up open-air drug dealing.

Many nonresident drug users come into Newark for several reasons including the availability of drugs and/or the hope of getting into one of several treatment programs located here.

We cannot stop anyone from coming into our city. The police can’t stop a young white male walking on Dr. King Boulevard at 2:00 a.m., because they suspect that he’s trying to buy drugs – that would be unconstitutional – remember the law protects us all, even drug addicts and dealers.

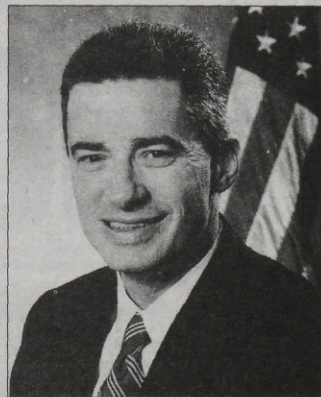
## Run Jim, run!

Dear Jim,

We are standing up for you because you’ve always stood up for New Jersey’s Democratic party and for working families.

I agree with you. And you, can count on me to be with you in your campaign for Governor...

The Staff, Black Mirror News



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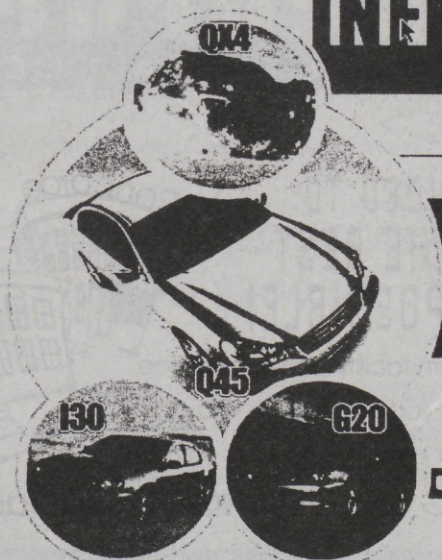




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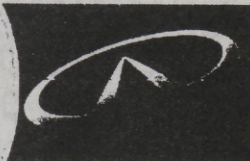
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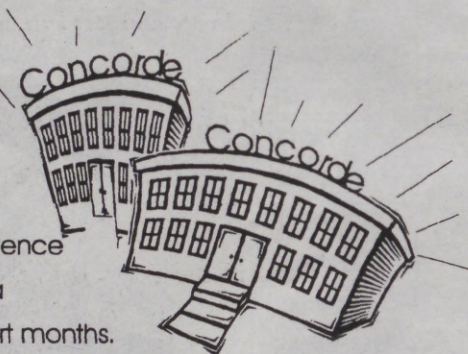
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By Marcia James Robinson

Celebrity, Gloria Hendry, one of Newark's own was back in New Jersey recently signing autographs at the Meadowlands Extravaganza's "Chiller Theatre".

It was a great reunion for this reporter who had not seen her in ?? years. Along with reminiscing about the "good old days," Gloria revealed she has just put the finishing touches to a book she's written entitled – what else, but – "GLORIA". Ms. Hendry also has cut a jazz CD in which she sings new as well as some classic jazz.

A few years ago, she chose to go behind the cameras, directing and producing, but says she's not opposed to coming back in front of the cameras if the 'right script' came along. When not traveling around the country, Gloria is a motivational speaker at many California high schools.

She presently resides in Beverly Hills, CA with her jazz musician husband, Phil.

# Gloria Hendry







Shown above posing with actor Roger Moore as 'James Bond' in Ian Flemings 007 *"Live And Let Die"*; Gloria's other flicks, included *"Hell Up In Harlem"* with Fred Williamson, and *"Slaughter's Big Rip-Off"* with Jim Brown and Brock Peters.





# McGREEVEY'S FUNDRAISER...

The JAMES MCGREEVEY FOR GOVERNOR OF NJ fundraiser held at the home of LARRIE and FRED STALKS was a success, with well over three hundred people attending and showing their support for Democratic Mayor Jim McGreevey of Woodbridge...



(above): Well-wishers relaxing downstairs at The stalks home. (below): The hostess, Larrie Stalks is congratulated by her son, Steve on a fabulous job well done.



(right):  
Dana McGreevey  
and Tina.



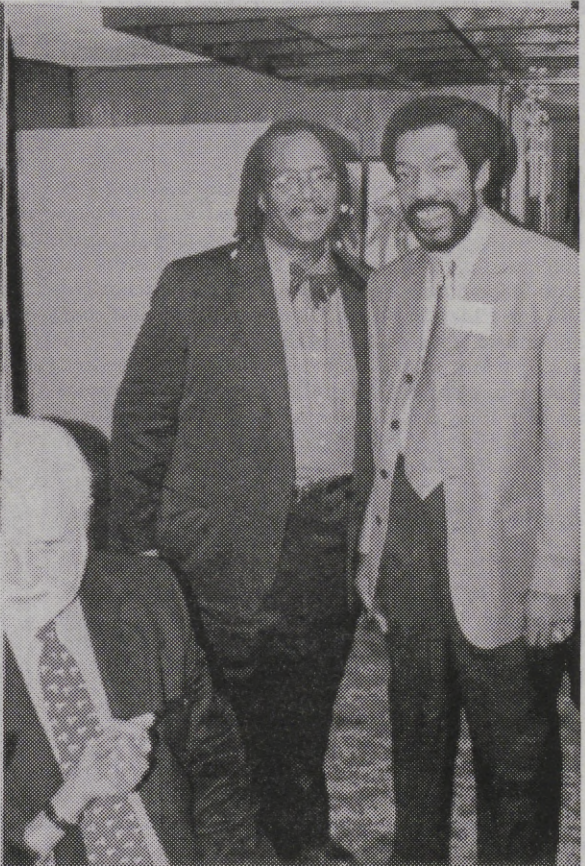
(below) Just some of the sumptuous fare served to the delight of the guests at this fund-raiser by James (he's the son of the famous Cleo the caterer to the stars).







*(above):* Rev. Levin West and Bill Blakley in conversation. *(below):* Hilton Davis, the teacher, pharmacist and retired lawyer.



*(above):* East Orange Mayor R. Bowser was among the many politicians who came out to meet and greet McGreevey supporters. *(below)* Steve and host Fred Stalks share a moment.








**THINGS I DIDN'T KNOW:** that **James E. Churchman's Funeral Home** was 101 years old – they've been committed to the community since 1899, and it's still run by the family... **Juanell**, the high fashion hairdresser moved from Montclair to 4 **Village Plaza** in **South Orange**... Musicians come and musicians go, but **Leo Johnson** not only holds his own but we believe he will go on forever... **Rosemary A. Hocking**, the Development Specialist of Public Housing works for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in Philadelphia, PA... **Walter T. Jacobs'** top salesperson at the Volvo, Lincoln and Jaguar in Montclair, NJ... **Lynda J. Thomas** in the Police Department's Division of Taxicabs in Newark, NJ... Remember the "**Piccadilly Peepers**" from the **Piccadilly Club** in Newark, NJ? They were one of the greatest vocal and musical groups in the early years. Well, **Clem Moorman** is still playing piano and singing great. He once was musical director of the **Savoy Dictators**... **Claudia J. Frances, Esq.** once Newark's Chief Municipal Prosecutor is now in a better job – we say orchids to her. Note... she should've been made a judge... **Wayne Smith**, councilmember-at-large in the Township of

Irvington, NJ is one of the real smart cookies. He has a gentleman's smoothness... Our cover feature this issue: movie star, **Gloria Hendry**, who has appeared in a 007 James Bond film ("Live and Let Die") and been cast in a dozen others is a native Newark – smiles. She was recently the guest of **Marcia James Robinson**, while working in New York and North Jersey... **Ronald Thompson, Esq.**, the president of the **Garden State Assoc.** is right there in Trenton during the profiling hearings lending his knowledge as to what should be done to erase this dumbness on our state highways... **Betty Delgado** is the new executive director of **St. Columbia Neighborhood Club** – it's for children who can't help themselves. Call her at 624-4222... Now is the time for you to start wearing your spring and summer wardrobe

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## CALENDAR...

Thursday Evening, MAY 31—The Essex County Democratic Committee and David J. Pascrell, Co-Chair, Blonnie R. Watson, Co-Chair cordially invite you to a SPRING DINNER GALA honoring the Essex County Democratic Committee Hall of Fame Awardees. Hors d'oeuvres/Cocktails 6:30 pm. Dinner 8:00 pm

Saturday, JUNE 2nd at 10:30 a.m. at the Robert Treat Hotel, The Frontiers International, Inc. (Newark Club) presents their 43rd annual awards Breakfast. Donation \$30.00 per person. For reservations contact Curtis Grayson at 973-763-5356.

Friday, JUNE 8th 6:00-8:00 p.m. the NHA Scholarship Foundation's Fourteenth Annual Scholarship Awards Banquet at Commerce Food Court, 1136 Raymond Blvd. Newark, NJ. Dinner served at 6:00 pm Sharp!

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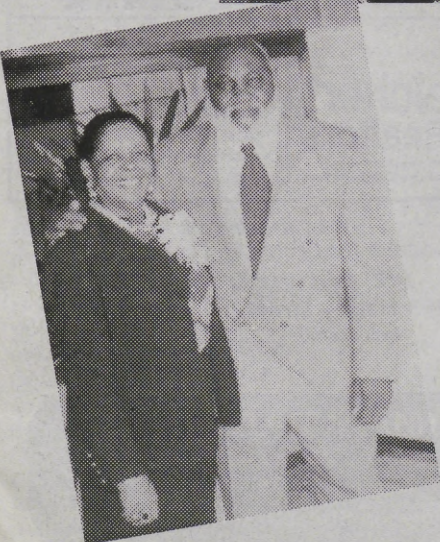
Citing the theme: "Our Unity is Our Strength," Councilman Luis A. Quintana greeted hundreds of guests at The Robert Treat Hotel, in Newark. Maria J. Rivera, Esq. Mistress of Ceremonies handled the Breakfast in fine fashion, Keilly Burgos, sang the National Anthem, Father Edgar Da Cunha of St. Michael's Church presented the Invocation, then Councilman Quintana gave Welcoming Remarks.

Among the many honors presented were Scholarships from The Hon. Luis A. Quintana and Newark Firefighters Union. The Honorable Sharpe James, Mayor of the City of Newark received *The Man of the Year Award*: Odaly Roche and Juan A. Rodriguez were *Scholarship Award Recipients*; *Citizen Awardees* were Carolyn Kelly, Founder First Class Championship Development Center, Armando Medina, Community Advocate; Jimmy Parillo, Community

Advocate & Newark Board of Education Member and Leonar M. Villanueva, Regional Sales Manager, Continental Airlines. A violin/piano performance was given by Idamar Jorge.









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Pictured 25 members of the Newark Police Department's Special Police recruit Class II Special Police Officers pose with Police Director Joseph Santiago (first row, L-4) on the steps of Newark City Hall.

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Newark children ages 7 to 17 who admire **Tiger Woods** should check out the free co-ed summer program sponsored by the city of Newark "**Hook a Kid on Golf**". Children who join will receive a set of golf clubs, golf bag, hat and shirt when the program starts on **July 9 through Aug. 31** in **Weequahic** and **Jesse Allen** parks from 8 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday. Mayor **Sharpe James** urges all youngsters to join the program to make new friends, learn a new sport and participate in an activity that will provide valuable lessons about sportsmanship and life. Those who participate will enjoy daily instruction and mentoring from golf instructors. Breakfast and lunch will be provided by the city's **Sun-Up program**. Last year more than 100 children participated including 25 who received awards (see our last issue) at a ceremony. The program is sponsored by the **Department of Neighborhood and Recreational Services' Division of Recreation and Cultural Affairs**. For details, call **Donnell Redding** at **733-6454**... Speaking of **Tiger Woods** - he won his second Masters in Augusta, GA, and made sports history as the only player to hold all four major golf titles at the same time. He now reigns supreme holding championship titles from the Masters, U.S. Open, British Open, and the PGA Championship.... On the basketball front, who's going to take the NBA championship? The Lakers, Sixers, Spurs or Charlotte? If I were to go on gut feeling I'd say the Lakers will repeat, especially the way **Kobe** and **Shaq** are cooperating and feelin' each other. They've have been nothing short of spectacular! ... Hey, did you see **Charles Oakley's** comments in the press? He said the Knicks are a team of "scared" players who "are not New York type of guys." "You've got a lot of front-runners there," Oakley said. "My attitude has always been the same about those guys. It ain't the same type of Knick guys. It ain't New York type of guys. ... The guys on the team can't take the pressure in New York. They're scared. I know New York is a tough city, but you don't have guys walk across the street anymore to get their cars. They got everybody bringing their cars into the (**Madison Square Garden**) tunnel. They can't face the fans and the fans don't like that. "There ain't no tough guys. You think they can take the pressure?" Oakley said the only members of the current Knicks who are "New York-type guys" are **Charlie Ward** and **Sprewell**. Still, he said didn't think much of Sprewell's plea for help. "How much help

you want?" Oakley asked. "He's pointing all the fingers. They made all the switches. They got rid of **Patrick (Ewing)**, **me**, **John (Starks)**, (**Anthony**) **Mason**. Now they're home and they're over the cap. They want to pay certain guys. They might get **Chris Webber**, but who said that's the answer? "They're going to move somebody\*. People in New York, you lost in the first round and they got no hockey. You can't lose in the first round, not with all the money they get for (those) tickets."

The NBA has implemented new rules for next season: • Illegal defense guidelines will be eliminated, allowing teams to play zone defense; • A defensive 3-second rule will prohibit a defensive player from remaining in the lane for more than three consecutive seconds without closely guarding an offensive player; • Reduced from 10 seconds to 8 seconds the amount of time a team will have to advance the ball past midcourt; • Eliminated touch fouls by allowing brief contact initiated by a defensive player if it does not impede the progress of the player with the ball.

*\*Editor's Note: Dave Checketts, widely regarded as one of the most powerful men in sports, was fired as Madison Square Garden president and CEO, a position he held since 1994.*

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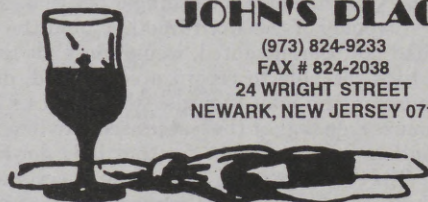
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To those guys that tried to heist that seafood restaurant out on Rt. 22 in Union: I know you were looking to make a BIG SCORE (*I guess you figured that the safe would be jammed packed – what with it being the morning after Mother's Day*). Well, SURPRISE! (Don't you know that most merchants are too smart to leave the establishment's receipts laying around until the next morning?) Hey, you'd be better off going back to school and getting that GED, to try and make an honest living for yourself and family like the rest of us. Good luck, and next time – use your head for something other than a ski mask... I wonder if the word "mother" and the "N-word" had not been invented, would most the these rap "artists" be able to record a song? And, don't even mention the way they dis' the sisters. But what amazes me is that the sisters seem to like it... *The Shadow* has a message for that lady down on Bergen Street in Newark: How come everyone on your block knows he is very much married except you?... Is it just me or does it seem to you that this ghetto mentality has taken hold on some of our young folks? Many young brothers have no formal education, only street knowledge. Instead of count-

ing in the normal way, they're only able to count in ounces or kilos; and some sisters' main goals in life seem to be *hair and nails....* A case in point... there's that young lady in Irvington who amazes me, she's barely twenty years old with three children, no job, no skills and no man, but she's able to dress well, always has a new hairdo, and is on the scene at the discos and concerts. How does she do it? She must have a magic wand that produces money or an ability to accept a lot of wands that keep her in the mix... Another thing – have you noticed the huge increase in traffic accidents these days, mostly because folks are driving too fast and not paying attention to stop signs and red lights, while trying to dial on their cell phone. We need a law to curb the abuse of cell phones while driving. How important is the call that you can't stop and pull over to the side to complete it? Think!... Note to the brother driving that 2001 Lexus: how come your car is always parked in a different spot each night? It's never in front of your house in South Orange. Could it be that you're ducking the repro man?

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